GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4054
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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF FISH IN GUJARAT
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the production of fish in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase fish production particularly in Saurashtra and Kutch region in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to augment fish production, specially in Saurashtra and Kutch region in Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The fish production declined in 2000-01 over 1999-2000 due to low rainfall during monsoon as indicated below:

(Lakh Metric Tonnes)

1999-2000	7.40
2000-2001	6.61
2001-2002	7.02

(c) Yes. In Deep Sea Area.

(d) The following major steps have been taken to augment fish production:

(i) Development of infrastructure Construction of Jakhau Harbour
Planning of construction of Okha and Dholai Fisheries Harbour

(ii) Enforcement of ban on fishing from 10th June to 15th August, 2002.

(iii) Sales Tax subsidy on diesel used for fishing.

(iv) Subsidy on nets and boats.

(v) Welfare schemes for fishermen.